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Publications



Publications generally are sold by either the U.S. Census Bureau or the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office (GPO). The entries in this listing specify the correct form to use when ordering. For more details, see the "How to Order" section. Monthly and quarterly reports are available by subscription.

New printed reports are accessible at no charge through our electronic publications service on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov/apspd/www/censtats.html>.

Economic

Current Business Reports

BR. Monthly Retail Trade—Sales and Inventories: February 1997, 32 pp., \$10; March 1997, 32 pp., \$10. Use form 1.

New Census Catalog and Guide!



The Census Catalog and Guide: 1997 has just been published! The 348-page reference covers all Census Bureau products released from mid-1993 through 1996. It also features up-to-date lists of data centers, depository libraries, and Census Bureau data specialists. Other Federal statistical agencies are covered, too, with entries describing their data products and giving addresses and phone numbers.

Use the form on page 8 to order your copy from GPO for \$27. The stock number is 003-024-08824-0.

New products from the
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economics and Statistics
Administration
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

BR/96-RV. Annual Benchmark Report for Retail Trade: January 1987 Through December 1996—A Detailed Summary of Retail Sales, Purchases, Accounts Receivable, and Inventories. 140 pp. \$10. Use form 1.

BW/97-4. Monthly Wholesale Trade: Sales and Inventories, April 1997. 4 pp. \$1.50. Use form 1.

BW/96-RV. Annual Benchmark Report for Wholesale Trade: January 1987 Through February 1997: A Detailed Summary for Wholesale Sales, Inventories, and Purchases. 34 pp. \$10. Use form 1.

CB/97. Advance Monthly Retail Sales, May 1997. 4 pp. \$1. Use form 1.

Current Construction Reports

C20/97-4. Housing Starts, April 1997. 28 pp. \$2. Cite list ID "CRHS" and month and year when ordering from GPO. Use form 3.

C22/97-4. Housing Completions, April 1997. 8 pp. \$1.50. Use form 1.

C25. New One-Family Houses Sold: March 1997, 28 pp., \$2; April 1997, 12 pp., \$2. Use form 1.

C30/97-4. Value of New Construction Put in Place, April 1997. 24 pp. \$2.75. Cite list ID "CRCA" and month and year when ordering from GPO. Use form 3.

Current Foreign Trade Reports

FT 900(96). U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services: Annual Revision for 1996. 70 pp. \$30. To order, contact Foreign Trade Division, telephone 301-457-2227.

FT 900/97-4. U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, April 1997. 46 pp. \$15. (Includes the FT 900 Supplement.) To order, contact Foreign Trade Division, telephone 301-457-2227.

FT 920. U.S. Merchandise Trade—Selected Highlights: March 1997, 40 pp., \$25; April 1997, 38 pp., \$25. To order, contact Foreign Trade Division, telephone 301-457-2227.

Current Industrial Reports

M3-1(96). Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders: 1987-1996. 222 pp. \$10. Use form 2.

M3-1(97)-4. Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders, April 1997. 12 pp. \$1.75. Use form 1.

General and Reference

Census Catalog and Guide: 1997. 348 pp. \$27. GPO S/N 003-024-08824-0.

Monthly Product Announcement (MPA), June 1997. 12 pp. No charge. Use form 2.

Housing

Current Housing Reports

H 130/96-A. Market Absorption of Apartments: Annual 1996 Absorptions (Apartments Completed in 1995). 16 pp. \$10. Use form 1.

Population

Current Population Reports

P-25. Population Estimates and Projections

1131. Population Projections: States, 1995-2025. 6 pp. \$1.75. GPO S/N 803-004-00140-1.

Data Files

Data files recently released by the Census Bureau are listed below. They are sold by Customer Services (301-457-4100; TDD 301-457-4611) unless otherwise noted. Use form 2.



The cost of new files on computer tape generally is based on the file size, with the minimum charge being \$175. The files are offered on tape reels or tape cartridges.

Data files also are offered on CD-ROM. The price for a mass-produced CD-ROM, prepared for popular files, generally is \$150.

CD-ROM's also can be prepared on request for data files otherwise available only on tape reel or cartridge. The cost for such CD's is



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This announcement lists all products issued in June 1997

For a free paper-copy subscription or if you have any questions about the products listed in this issue, write or call Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233. Phone 301-457-4100; TDD 301-457-4611; or fax 301-457-4714.

For a free E-mail subscription to MPA and other new product announcements, either (1) access our Internet Web site at <http://www.census.gov/mp/www/subscribe.html#SUB> and follow instructions, or (2) send an E-mail message to majordomo@census.gov including "subscribe product-announce" followed by your E-mail address.

To access Monthly Product Announcement on the Internet, the address is <http://www.census.gov/mp/www/mpa.html#MPA>.

Address questions and comments about MPA to Mary Kilbride at Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233; telephone 301-457-1173.

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CountyScope™



CUSTOM CD WITH COUNTY AND SUBCOUNTY DATA

If you have a comprehensive interest in your local area, we can prepare a new, customized data product on CD-ROM for you! CountyScope™ brings together county and subcounty data from a dozen separate products and provides access with Windows™ software.

With CountyScope™ you can point and click your way to almost all available census data at the county level and below. The data list includes:

- * 1990 Summary Tape File 1B (block data)
- * 1990 Summary Tape File 3A (block groups, census tracts, places, minor civil divisions, county)
- * 1990 Summary Tape File 3B (ZIP Code areas)
- * 1990 Public Use Microdata Samples (where available; DOS only)
- * 1990 County-to-County Migration
- * 1992-87 Economic Census, retail, service and manufacturing data for ZIP Code areas
- * 1993-94 County Business Patterns
- * 1994 ZIP Code Business Patterns
- * 1994 Census Tract Street Index, Version 2
- * 1995 TIGER/Line Files (DOS only)
- * 1995 LandView II mapping system (DOS only)

The Windows software allows access to all data, area by area. There is also provision for SQL access to the data with the option to view data across areas. When an address is found using the Census Tract Street Index® (CTSI), subsequent requests for summary tape file (STF) data allow for automatic selection of the tract (or place or ZIP Code area) associated with that address. Technical documentation for all products included is associated with that address. Technical documentation for all products included is accessible via the Window™ software application. You can also view your own files through the CountyScope™ window.

The cost for the first metro county is \$400. For the first nonmetro county, assuming no metro counties are included, the cost is \$300. Additional metro counties are \$100, and additional nonmetro counties are \$60 when purchased simultaneously. All of the counties for a metro area will fit on a single CD, except for the five largest metro areas.

To order, call 301-457-4100.

For technical details, call 301-457-1222 or send E-mail to David.C.Shaw@ccmail.census.gov

the same as the cost for the tape file. The CD files are ASCII copies in the same format as on tape, and they are not accompanied by software. Since the discs are specially prepared in response to customers' requests, orders take about 2 weeks. For further information about this service, contact Customer Services.

Files available on diskette ("floppies") for IBM and compatible microcomputers also are listed.

An ever increasing variety of data files and product information (including this publication) can be accessed via the Internet. (See "How to Order" section for more information.)

Technical documentation, included with each file order, also generally is available separately. The price varies.

Free *Data Developments* booklets provide brief descriptions of most files. They may be requested from Customer Services. Use form 2.

Tapes

New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey. 1 reel. \$175. NOTE: The July *Monthly Product Announcement* incorrectly listed the New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey as part of the 1996 American Housing Survey. The correct reference should read, "1996 New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey—Cross Sectional File."

CD-ROM Discs

To order, use form 2.

CD-FTD97-EX-3. U.S. Exports of Merchandise—International Harmonized System Commodity Classification (HS-Based Schedule B) by Country, by Customs District, March 1997. \$150.

CD-FTD97-EX-4. U.S. Exports of Merchandise—International Harmonized System Commodity Classification (HS-Based Schedule B) by Country, by Customs District, April 1997. \$150.

CD-FTD97-IM-3. U.S. Imports of Merchandise—International Harmonized System Commodity Classification (HTSUSA) by Country, by Customs District, March 1997. \$150.

CD-FTD97-IM-4. U.S. Imports of Merchandise—International Harmonized System Commodity Classification (HTSUSA) by Country, by Customs District, April 1997. \$150.

Microcomputer Diskettes

May 1997 and Historical Building Permits Data By State, Metropolitan Area, and Individual Permit-Issuing Places. Number of diskettes varies. For ordering information, contact Manufacturing and Construction Division, Residential Construction Branch, telephone 301-457-1321.

Online Data

Census Bureau reports and a growing number of data files are accessible online via the Internet (<http://www.census.gov/>). For up-to-date information on new additions to our Web site, sign up for a free E-mail subscription to the Census I-Net Bulletin at <http://www.census.gov/mp/www/subscribe.html#SUB>. You also can sign up there for E-mail subscriptions to *Monthly Product Announcement* and *Census and You*.

Looking Ahead

The products listed in this section are among those now in preparation and likely



to be available by the time you receive this issue. We have included prices and stock numbers (S/Ns) for printed reports if this information has already been furnished by GPO.

Ordering information for all the products listed here will be provided in future issues of MPA, or call 301-457-4100. Also, the Census Bureau's Internet site provides information online for ordering these products as they become available. See the "How to Order" section for more information.

Publications

Current Population Reports

P-20. Population Characteristics

Educational Attainment in the United States: March 1996 (Update)

Household and Family Characteristics: March 1996 (Update). \$1. GPO S/N 803-005-00097-4.

The Black Population in the United States (Update). \$1. GPO S/N 803-005-00100-8.

CQC. Census Questionnaire Content, 1990

We asked... You told us: Veterans

Manufacturing Profiles: 1995

CD-ROM Discs

Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)

1993 Panel Wave 9 Core Microdata File

1992 Panel Waves 1-10 Longitudinal File

How to Order

Publications



Most Census Bureau publications are available through one of three offices: the Census Bureau's Data Preparation Division (see order form 1), the Census Bureau's Customer Services (see form 2), or the Government Printing Office (see form 3). The new publication entries in this *Monthly Product Announcement* direct you to the right source by specifying the form to use or specifying another office as the source.

As the forms indicate, both Customer Services and the Government Printing Office (GPO) accept phone or fax orders when you charge to VISA, MasterCard, or a deposit account. GPO also

accepts the Discover card. Both offer express service for off-the-shelf products for an extra charge when you order by phone.

Generally, if you order 100 copies or more of a publication sent to one address, you may take a 25-percent discount.

Computer Files

To order data files, use order form 2 or order by phone or fax, unless the entry gives other instructions.

Technical documentation accompanies each file, or it often may be ordered separately, using form 2.

Files on computer tape are offered on tape reels or tape cartridges.

The tape cartridges are IBM 3480 compatible (operable with Storage Tek 4780 tape subsystems and

Digital Equipment Corporation VAX TA90 subsystems).

When mass-produced, files on CD-ROM also are listed in the "Data Files" section earlier in this publication. Customer Services offers priority service for off-the-shelf products for an extra \$25 fee when you order by phone or fax.

Other tape files can be produced on CD-ROM by special order for the price of the tape. See the discussion under "Data Files."

Some data files are available on diskettes for IBM and compatible microcomputers.

Internet Access

Many reports and data files are accessible, in whole or in part, online through the Internet.

You may reach our Internet site via these protocols:

World-Wide Web: <http://www.census.gov/>

FTP: [ftp ftp.census.gov](ftp://ftp.census.gov)

For information about our new CenStats electronic subscription service on the Internet, see page 5 of the June MPA or visit our site (<http://www.census.gov/apsd/www/censtats.html>).

The Census Bureau also offers on the Internet, at no charge, all printed reports issued beginning January 1996. The URL is <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/frames.html>.

For the latest online information about Census Bureau products and how to obtain them, try CenStore (<http://www.census.gov/mp/www/censtore.html>). If you have technical questions, you may E-mail them to webmaster@census.gov.

International Mailing Price Change

Effective October 1, 1997, Customer Services will increase its surcharge on international orders (including Canada and Mexico) to 33 percent. All international orders completed on forms 1 and 2 should reflect this increase.

For Further Information

Customer Services staff (301-457-4100; TDD: 301-457-4611) often can be of assistance. Staff at census regional offices also offer guidance and assistance to data users. They maintain a collection of Census Bureau reports that you can consult. To learn more, call the information specialist at these telephone numbers:

Atlanta, GA	404-730-3833
Boston, MA	617-424-0510
Charlotte, NC	704-344-6144
Chicago, IL	708-562-1740
Dallas, TX	214-640-4470
Denver, CO	303-969-7750
Detroit, MI	313-259-1875
Kansas City, KS	913-551-6711
Los Angeles, CA	818-904-6339
New York, NY	212-264-4730
Philadelphia, PA	215-597-8313
Seattle, WA	206-728-5314

Other Useful Numbers

Age, Proof of	812-218-3046
Agriculture	800-523-3215
Business	301-457-2668
<i>Catalog and Guide</i>	301-457-1204
<i>Census and You</i>	301-457-2822
Construction	301-457-4602
<i>County and City Data Book</i>	301-457-1166
County Business Patterns	301-457-2580
Foreign Trade	301-457-3041
Governments	301-457-1489
Housing Census	301-763-8553
Housing Survey	301-763-8551
Internet	301-457-1242
Library	301-457-2511
Manufacturing	301-457-4587
Population	301-457-2422
Press Releases	301-457-2800
State Data Center Program	301-457-1305
<i>Statistical Abstract</i>	301-457-1171
TIGER Products	301-457-1128
Training	301-457-1305

For a complete telephone contacts list, phone 301-457-4100. Or go to this Internet address— <http://www.census.gov/contacts/www/contacts.html>.